

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 201

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to recognize Nat Johnson on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those public servants who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves during their careers and performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person is Nat Johnson, Assistant Executive Director and Legislative Liaison for the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA), who has served the State of Tennessee with distinction for thirty-five years and has decided that he will be taking his much-deserved retirement in February; and

WHEREAS, Nat Johnson began his career with state government in September of 1977, and spent much of his illustrious career with the state's human resources program; being first employed as a Technical Analyst for the Tennessee Department of Human Resources, working his way up to an Assistant Commissioner by 1998 and then as the Deputy Commissioner for that department until 2006; and

WHEREAS, having performed his duties with acumen and alacrity, Mr. Johnson then accepted the post of Assistant Executive Director for the TWRA in December of 2006 and has gained great notoriety as the Legislative Liaison for the Agency; he has worked tirelessly on internal policies as well as played a vital role in the successful defense and development of legislation to protect the wildlife laws and programs that benefit all of Tennessee's sportsmen; and

WHEREAS, Nat Johnson epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean and this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud him for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens, and specially recognize him for his manifold achievements on the occasion of his retirement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Nat Johnson for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee and extend to him our heartfelt good wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.